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SUBJECT: OASGA SUMMARY: JUNE 24  
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SUMMARY: MORNING PLENARY DEVOTED TO SPEECHES BY  
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MEXICO, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, CHILE,  
AND BARBADOS, AND BY NICARAGUAN AND VENEZUELAN OAS  
AMBASSADORS. INFORMAL DIALOGUE SESSION FOR SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON CANCELLED AND WORK SUSPENDED UNTIL MONDAY MORN-  
ING, WHEN COMMITTEE WORK CONTINUES. GENERAL THEMES WERE  
SAME AS THOSE OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS: PRAISE FOR PANAMA  
TREATIES, IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES, RESTRUCTURING  
OF OAS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS/TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

1. FOR MEXICO, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL TOUCHED ON MEXICAN  
PROPOSAL FOR REORGANIZATION, DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS BUT IN  
GENERAL TERMS, AND REHEARSED MEXICO'S INTENTION TO PROPOSE  
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A FOREIGN MINISTERS' COMMITTEE, OUTSIDE INTERAMERICAN  
SYSTEM, TO CONSIDER LIMITATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS.  
FYI: AFTER SPEECH, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA ON BEHALF OF  
AYACUCHO SIGNATURES REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PRESENT A  
RESOLUTION TO THIS OASGA INSTEAD OF CONVENING A FOREIGN  
MINISTERS' MEETING. END FYI.

2. BOLIVIA REFERRED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REFERENCE TO ITS LANDLOCKED STATUS, DESCRIBING IT AS PROBLEM FOR THE AMERICAS AND SAYING BOLIVIA SUPPORTED DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT ENDLESS DELAY. BOLIVIA CALLED FOR EARLY ACTION ON NEW DRAFT CHARTER, THE CONVENTIONS ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

3. CHILE SAID IT WOULD RESPOND AT LATER DATE TO BOLIVIAN STATEMENTS ON LANDLOCKED STATUS. IN GENERAL CHILEAN INTERVENTION WAS HIGH-PLANE HISTORICAL DISCUSSION WITH EMPHASIS ON ECONOMICS AND WITH NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. BARBADOS PRAISED PANAMANIAN SETTLEMENT, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN BELIZE, AND WAS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF OAS TREATMENT OF NON-TRADITIONAL MEMBERS (I.E., THE NEW ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES), EMPHASIZING THAT ORGANIZATION WAS IN STATE OF "AIMLESS DRIFT" AND THAT RESTRUCTURING MUST CREATE A DYNAMIC AND REVITALIZED ORGANIZATION IF IT IS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.

5. NICARAGUA (AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA) TREATED ALL PRINCIPAL THEMES WITH FLORID TOUCHES. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TERRORISM, HE CAST HIS EXPOSITION IN TERMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF REACTION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT MEMBER STATES.

6. VENEZUELA (MACHIN) CONCENTRATED ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ADVOCATING THAT PREOCCUPATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WAS THE OBLIGATION OF EACH MEMBER STATE UNDER THE CHARTER AND COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED INTERVENTION. HE CONDEMNED TERRORISM OF RIGHT AS WELL AS OF LEFT AND SAID VENEZUELA COULD NOT ACCEPT MAKING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM A WHIPPING BOY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. WHILE DRAMATIC, HIS STATEMENTS WERE LOW-KEY AND MENTIONED NO COUNTRIES BY NAME. HE ENDED SPEECH WITH SUPPORT FOR MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. VANCE

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